

DOCKET NO. 91-008-G - ORDER NO. 92-298

Carolina Electric & Gas Company.

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) by way of the April 7, 1992 letter of Elliott F. Elam, Jr., Staff Attorney, for the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (the Consumer Advocate). In this letter, Elam states that the Consumer Advocate still has concerns regarding the passthrough of savings which South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (SCE&G) has experienced due to the Commission's Order No. 91-1138 in Docket Nos. 90-452-G, 91-563-G, and 91-011-G, which required South Carolina Pipeline Corporation to increase the amount of lower-priced gas in its Weighted Average Cost of Gas (WACOG). Elam goes on to state that the Consumer Advocate believes that SCE&G's customers should benefit from these savings as soon as possible. Elam further states that, in lieu of filing a Petition for Reconsideration of Order No. 92-179, that he would, on behalf of the Consumer Advocate, ask for clarification that he is not foreclosed from raising this issue at a possible review of SCE&G's

Weather Normalization Adjustment (WNA) or the forthcoming Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) review. Elam requests that his letter be treated as a formal request for such clarification.

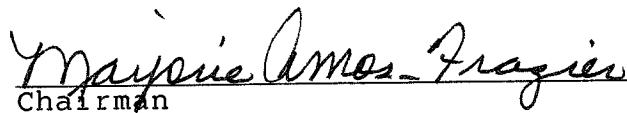
The Commission has examined the question and has concluded that the Consumer Advocate is not forestalled from addressing the subject of passthrough of savings to SCE&G customers through the South Carolina Pipeline Order in the forthcoming PGA review. The Commission does not believe that a possible review of SCE&G's WNA would be the appropriate forum for such concerns. However, the Commission holds that such savings shall be addressed by the Commission for the study period only, and that no retroactive adjustments in gas cost as the result of said savings shall be made.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Consumer Advocate's request for clarification is granted.
2. That the forthcoming PGA review is the appropriate forum to address potential savings to SCE&G customers from lower cost gas placed into the WACOG by South Carolina Pipeline Corporation.
3. That no retroactive adjustment in gas cost shall be made as a result of such case.

4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director

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